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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT

1. IN A CALL AT HIS REQUEST ON DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR CEAUSESCU'S VISIT, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN MADE RENEWED APPEALS FOR (A) A SOLEMN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES TO BE SIGNED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS, (B) A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT AND (C) RECONSIDERATION OF THE DECISION THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND A DINNER THE ROMANIANS WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IN HIS HONOR DECEMBER 5. BOGDAN ALSO SAID HE WISHED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CEAUSESCU.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO TRANSMIT ANY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT. EXPLAINING THAT US PRACTICE WAS NOT TO ISSUE JOINT DECLARATIONS, HE NOTED EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MADE US-SOVIET JOINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES APPROPRIATE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT OUR WILLINGNESS TO ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT FOR CEAUSESCU VISIT REPRESENTED UNUSUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTURE FROM CUSTOMARY US PRACTICE IN ORDER TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH ROMANIANS. ADDRESSING THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, NOTING

LIMITATIONS ON USG ABILITIES INFLUENCE US COMPANIES, SAID USG ANXIOUS TO REMOVE ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO IMPROVED BUSINESS RELATIONS. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD RELUCTANTLY HAVE TO ADHERE TO HIS ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGRETTING INVITATIONS TO DINNER. IN RESPONSE TO BOGDAN'S INTIMATION DEPUTY SECRETARY REMARKED THAT USG-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP WAS NOT ATTEMPT AT BIG POWER CONDOMINIUM AND US STILL STOOD IN MANY RESPECTS IN ADVERSARY POSITION TO SOVIETS BUT EFFORTS TO REDUCE RISKS OF NUCLEAR WAR WERE IN PARAMOUNT INTEREST OF ALL.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE, BOGDAN SAID ROMANIANS WOULD LIKE TO USE OCCASION OF CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO DISCUSS CLOSER COOPERATION IN FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ARMITAGE INDICATED TIME WOULD NOT PERMIT EXAMINATION OF THIS PROSPECT BEFORE CEAUSESCU VISIT BUT PERHAPS FUTURE DISCUSSION COULD BE ARRANGED IF REQUESTED DURING VISIT. RUSH

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